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"CHAMPIONING RACIAL JUSTICE"

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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF EDITORIAL:

"SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER'S MAJOR SPEECH IN ZAMBIA HAS PUT THE UNITED STATES SOLIDLY BEHIND BLACK AFRICA IN THE CONTEST AGAINST THE WHITE MINORITY REGIME IN RHODESIA. THE MORAL CONTENT OF THE STATEMENT IS UN-EXCEPTIONABLE.

"WHAT TANGIBLE EFFECTS CAN BE EXPECTED FROM HIS RESTATEMENT OF AMERICAN POLICY BACKING 'MAJORITY RULE' ON THE CONTINENT, AND FROM HIS PROMISE OF SPECIFIC MEASURES TO ADVANCE THAT CAUSE, ESPECIALLY IN RHODESIA, MUST AWAIT EVENTS. COMPLETE RETURNS ARE NOT IN FROM THE SEVERAL AUDIENCES TO WHOM MR. KISSINGER'S REMARKS WERE ADDRESSED, AND SOME OF THESE REACTIONS ARE CRUCIAL.

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"AMONG THE AUDIENCES NEAR AND FAR, MR. KISSINGER HOPES TO BOLSTER MODERATE BLACK LEADERS LIKE ZAMBIA'S PRESIDENT KAUNDA IN THE BELIEF THAT BLACK RULE CAN BE EXTENDED IN THE REGION WITHOUT THE HELP OF SOVIET ARMS AND CUBAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES. THE SECRETARY SEEKS TO HEAD OFF FURTHER SOVIET INTERVENTION ON THE MODEL OF ANGOLA -- THE EXPERIENCE THAT HAS PROPELLED THE UNITED STATES INTO A MORE ACTIVE AFRICAN ROLE.

"WITH HIS 10-POINT PROGRAM 'FOR A JUST AND DURABLE RHODESIAN SOLUTION' HE WANTS TO INCREASE THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PRESSURE ON THE WHITE REGIME IN SALISBURY TO SETTLE QUICKLY WITH THAT COUNTRY'S BLACK NATIONALISTS ON A TRANSITION FROM WHITE SUPREMACY. HE PROMISES TO APPROACH 'OTHER INDUSTRIAL NATIONS' (FRANCE? SOUTH AFRICA?) TO MAKE THE UNITED NATIONS' BOYCOTT OF RHODESIA EFFECTIVE. HE WILL TRY TO SELL THE SAME POLICY TO CONGRESS, WHICH PERMITS IMPORTS OF RHODESIAN CHROME UNDER THE BYRD AMENDMENT. AMERICAN AID WOULD HELP OFFSET THE COST OF THE EMBARGO TO RHODESIA'S BLACK NEIGHBORS, BUT NO WEAPONS ARE OFFERED FOR A VIOLENT CAMPAIGN.

"IN LESS URGENT TONES, THE SECRETARY CALLS ON SOUTH AFRICA TO SET A SCHEDULE FOR SELF-DETERMINATION IN THE TRUST TERRITORY OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA (NAMIBIA) AND TO END ITS OWN POLICY OF RACIAL APARTHEID.

"MR. KISSINGER IS ON FIRM GROUND IN HIS ADVOCACY OF 'RACIAL JUSTICE' -- A VERITY OF DOMESTIC AS WELL AS FOREIGN POLICY. BUT THERE SHOULD BE NO ILLUSION THAT A MORE EXPLICIT AMERICAN EFFORT IN AFRICA WILL NECESSARILY SPEED THE PROCESS OF CHANGE, MAKE IT PEACEFUL, KEEP THE COMMUNISTS AT BAY OR ASSURE THAT THE RESULTS ARE DEMOCRATIC.

"RHODESIAN PRIME MINISTER IAN SMITH IS PRESSING AHEAD WITH HIS OWN PLAN TO SHARE POWER WITH BLACKS AT LEAST ON PAPER, GIVING CABINET TITLES TO SEVEN TRIBAL CHIEFS AND PUTTING OTHER FRIENDLY BLACKS IN LESSER POSTS. MR. SMITH SOUNDS AS RESISTANT AS EVER TO A DEAL WITH THE

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BLACK NATIONALISTS WHO THREATEN AN UGLY GUERRILLA WAR FOR CONTROL OF THE COUNTRY.

"AS BLACKS TAKE POWER IN MORE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA, THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT THE NEW RULERS WILL REPRESENT THE BLACK MAJORITIES (OR ATTEND TO THEIR MATERIAL WELFARE) MUCH BETTER THAN THEIR WHITE PREDECESSORS. OR THAT THEY WILL HONOR WHAT MR. KISSINGER SPOKE FOR AS THE 'MINORITY

RIGHTS' OF THOSE AMONG THE FORMERLY ASCENDANT WHITES
WHO SEEK TO STAY. MULTI-PARTY DEMOCRACY AND RACIAL
COEXISTENCE (EVEN TRIBAL COEXISTENCE BETWEEN BLACKS) HAVE
FARED POORLY IN POST-COLONIAL AFRICA.

"SINCE THE OUTCOME IN SOUTHERN AFRICA MAY BE FAR SHORT
OF IDEAL, A CERTAIN AMERICAN DETACHMENT WILL BE WISE
UNLESS WE WANT TO BE BLAMED FOR WHATEVER GOES WRONG.
WE CAN EXTEND A HELPING HAND TO THE MORE RESPONSIBLE
BLACK LEADERS IN THE REGION, OFFER AN ALTERNATIVE
TO COMMUNIST INFLUENCE, AND CHAMPION HUMAN DECENCY IN
THE SETTLEMENT OF THE REGION'S PROBLEMS."

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